

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: We are the Body of Christ, and Christ beckons us come to his open arms, and we will receive Fellowship, Joy, Blessedness and Peace.

Congregation: **Alleluia!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Lloyd Larson

CHORAL INTROIT "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 33)

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the LORD with the harp;
play upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing for the LORD a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

*HYMN 634 "To God Be the Glory"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith. As we forsake what lies behind and reach out to what is before, may we run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Response in Song—Hymn 701 "Lord, Prepare Me"
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 15: 1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 841 "God Is My Strong Salvation"

TEN CENTS A MEAL HUNGER OFFERING - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

SERMON *Unseen but Sure*

*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Break Thou the Bread of Life" arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

*DOXOLOGY "Old Hundredth"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.

Congregation: **Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.**

Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.

Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

When invited we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Let us Break Bread Together" arr. Hal Hopson

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE SUPPER (in unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Response in Song—Hymn 541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE "There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day" arr. Robert Thygerson

*Those who are able, please stand

Welcome to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church!

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), two centuries young and committed to living out the Gospel today as we Seek, Serve, Praise and Love Christ. If you are a visitor today, we are especially glad that you are here. We hope that you will leave us a record of your visit by completing a visitor card and placing it in the offering plate. Feel free to contact our pastor, Elliott Hipp, with questions or prayer concerns: deh46@columbia.edu or 704-502-2143. Please come again soon.

Worshipping On-Line

Our worship service is also streamed live each week, and is available to watch later in the week as well. For Facebook and YouTube links, please visit pawcreekpc.org. When you worship with us from home, you can use an on-line version of our *Glory to God* hymnal so that you can sing along or follow the words to the hymns. For phone or tablet, search "Glory to God" in your app store. For computer, go to hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013 and click on the hymn number. Most hymns are available, although there are a few that cannot be displayed due to copyright restriction.

PASTORAL SCHEDULE

Elliott will be on vacation August 8 - 21 and return to the office Monday, August 22. If any pastoral needs arise during this time, please be sure to contact any member of the Session.

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, August 14

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher - Dr. James Thomas

Sunday, August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher—Rev. Betsy Williamson

DAHLIA GROVE BENEFIT CONCERT

Mark Burleson will be playing in a benefit concert on **August 30 @7pm** Christ Episcopal Church 1412 Providence Rd.

PC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are beginning to work on materials for the 2022-2023 year for Paw Creek Presbyterian Women. If any of your contact information has changed, please send your new information to knoturner@gmail.com. Thanks, ~Karen

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES LEADER

Paw Creek is currently looking for a Children and Youth Ministries Leader. If you are interested, please follow the link on our website or Contact Celia Gray for more information.

STITCHES FOR MISSIONS

The Stitches for Missions group will have our next meeting on **Saturday, August 20th, at 10:30am** in the Church Parlor.

Hope to See You There!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 7 through September 4 - Sunday School Classes will not meet.

Instead, please come to the Chapel in the West Wing each Sunday:

10:15-10:30 Prayer time in the Chapel
10:30-10:45 Fellowship time in the Chapel before church

With prepackaged snacks, water & juice.

Regular Sunday classes resume on Sunday, September 11.

CHRISTMAS IN PAW CREEK

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Sponsored by Troop 70

Saturday, **November 19, 2022**

8:00 am—2:00 pm

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church—CFC
Breakfast / Barbeque sold by Scout Troop 70
If interested in a booth, Please call Jan McClure at (704) 394-8481 (leave a msg)

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

Pastor Elliott Hipp
Director of Music Andrew Cumbow
Pianist Mark Burleson
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster Kim Whittington
Videography Coordinator Clint Shaw

The Session

Moderator: Elliott Hipp Clerk: Mary Ellen Edwards
General Treasurer: Danny McClure Cemetery Treasurer: Brian Gross Endowment Treasurer:

Class of 2022

Paul Bradley
Karen Cathey
Mary Ellen Edwards
Danny McClure

Class of 2023

Celia Gray
Peggy Harrington
Sam McCord
Barbara Ullem

Class of 2024

Gene Hall
Jim Pinkston
David Turner

Committee Chairs

Mission Team: Sam McCord
Christian Education: Barbara Ullem
Congregational Care: Karen Cathey
Fellowship: Sam McCord
Outreach: Celia Gray
Worship: David Turner

Resource Team: Jim Pinkston
Administration: Eddie McArver
Finance: Mary Ellen Edwards / Gene Hall
Property: Sam McCord
Cemetery Sub-Committee: Phillip McCord
Endowment Sub-Committee:

Strategic Planning Team: Paul Bradley
Celia Gray, Jim Pinkston, Jim Stogner, Karen Turner

Sunday School Officers: Sarah Kendrick & Jim Stogner
Children's Ministry: Barbara Ullem & Victoria Krebs

Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Karen Turner

Secretary: Donna Hall Treasurer: Melissa Mullis
Historian: Dina Salvo Backpack Buddies: Jane McArver, Belinda Springs & Teresa Painter
Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 7

***No Sunday School during August**

10:15am Prayer Time (Chapel)
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, August 9

9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 10

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 11

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, August 14

***No Sunday School during August**

10:15am Prayer Time (Chapel)
11:00am Worship—Guest: Dr. James Thomas

Tuesday, August 16

9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 17

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 18

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Mission Team Mtg.
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, August 20

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, August 21

***No Sunday School during August**

10:15am Prayer Time (Chapel)
11:00am Worship—Guest: Rev. Betsy Williamson

Tuesday, August 23

9:00am Cardio Fitness
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 24

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 25

*Newsletter

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday, August 28

***No Sunday School during August**

10:15am Prayer Time (Chapel)
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 30

9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 31

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 1

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice



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